

OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, March 8, 2026

Community United Church of Christ—CUCC, UCC Campus Ministry—UCC-CM

PRAYER & AWARENESSES

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- We pray for an end to the gun violence across the United States and for healing and hope for those families affected. May all our weapons be turned to plowshares.
- We pray for an end to escalating violence against LGBTQ+ people.
- We pray for an end to racially charged violence.

Prayer Requests shared in worship Sundays, March 1, 2026

We pray for:

- Safety for the **people of Iran and the US and Israeli military**. Also prayers for the **starving people in Cuba** and elsewhere.
- **Jherilyn Tull**, who has been in the hospital this week with a recurrence of her seizures and the flu! Prayers for comfort and healing.
- Comfort and peace for **friends of Rocio's** who are grieving the loss of their fur babies—their beloved companions and constant friends. Sending hugs and love during this difficult time.
- Healing for **Eva's dad** who broke a vertebra and can't work for over 12 weeks. He is the only source of income in his household because my stepmom is fighting stage 4 cancer. I pray God heals them and God sends help for them to get through this time.
- **Max and the Murphy family**, as Max's seizures are acting up again. We hope to have more answers after an upcoming EEG. Also prayers for our friend **Randy** who went through his last chemo treatment and is hoping for remission or any positive news.
- Continued prayers for **Rocio and Dennis' almost godson Max** as he continues to battle seizures. Please pray for his little body, for healing and rest, and for comfort and strength for those who love him. We are thinking of him. Even as we ask for prayers during this difficult time, we're also holding onto gratitude. We are so thankful and blessed to have Amira (FooFoo) here and are truly treasuring the time we've been able to share with her this weekend.
- **For all people caught up in the new war in Iran**. I don't even know exactly what to

CUCC BY THE NUMBERS

54 Adults, **1** Kids, **6** Zoom Users, **4** Facebook Users for a Total of **65** people/devices participated in online only worship on Sunday, **03/01/2026**

82 eat in meals, **7** heat-at-home meals, for a total of **89** meals were served to our Jubilee Café guests by **28** volunteers on Monday, **03/02/2026**

10 Men gathered for breakfast at Maple & York, **03/05/2026**

3 AA groups met in our space this week

1 NA group met in our space this week

MISSION MINISTRY

2026 Lenten Project As you have heard by now, this years project is the Interfaith Build for Unity, a project of Habitat for Humanity! We are excited to get started! We started fund-raising last week, as we are hoping to contribute \$5000 to the home to be built. So if you have contributions to make as part of your Lenten practice this year, now is the time! Some people choose to do a one time donation. Others choose to spread donations out over the weeks of Lent. For example, some may choose to skip one special coffee (or in my case, Diet Coke) a week, and then contribute that money to the project. In any case, we are confident that we can get it done! No contribution is too small (or too big!!) If you would like to contribute, you can do so in one of 3 ways:

1. Cash - put cash in the half globes on a Sunday morning or put in one of the envelopes on the back of the pew, labeled with Lenten Project or Habitat - and your name if you want record of your contribution from our financial secretary.
2. Check - Make a check out to CUCC. On the Memo line, indicate that it is for the Lenten Project.
3. Online Donation - on the church website's donate button, there is a link for the Lenten Project Habitat Build. Use the link, and your donation will get to the right place.

We'll be keeping track of the money raised each week on the house poster in the sanctuary. It will be fun to see the house fill up!

As Habitat for Humanity and the weather determines when the actual build will be taking place, we will definitely be asking for your help to participate in a variety of ways. Be watching for these opportunities!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CUCC?

03/08 SUNDAY, CUCC Offices Closed

9:30-11:30am Confirmation Class

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Worship Series "Tell Me Something Good," Lent 3

11:30am Campus Ministry gathering at Jen and Grant Robbennolt's home

8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

03/09 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

7:00-8:00pm CM After Hang

03/10 TUESDAY

8:30am Just 4 Fun BFFREAS at Perkins

6:00pm CM Interfaith Bible Study at St. Andrew's

7:00pm Pub Theology (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesday Night LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

03/11 WEDNESDAY

12:00pm *Items for Bulletin & weekly email due (for 03/15)*

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

03/12 THURSDAY

8:45-10:00am RWA Meeting

2:00-6:00pm Campus Ministry Drop In Hours

8:00pm-9:30pm Denver AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

03/13 FRIDAY CUCC Offices Closed

03/14 SATURDAY CUCC Offices Closed

8:00pm-10:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

03/15 SUNDAY CUCC Offices Closed

10:15am Traditional Hybrid Worship, Worship Series "Tell Me Something Good," Lent 4

11:30am-3:15pm Youth OWL Class

8:00pm—9:00pm Manhattan AA Group (Parlor)

03/16 MONDAY

2:00pm Jubilee Café Prep

5:00-6:30pm Jubilee Café's

6:30-7:00pm Jubilee Café Clean-up

7:00-8:00pm CM After Hang

03/17 TUESDAY

11:30am Cool Young at Heart Lunch Gathering at Encanto, Urbana

6:30pm CUCC CLB Monthly Meeting

7:00pm Pub Theology

7:00-8:30pm LGBTQ+ AA Group (Parlor)

Email: info@community-ucc.org to be added to the email list to receive the weekly email announcements and monthly newsletter.

JUST 4 FUN BFFERRAS MONTHLY BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 10

The Just 4 Fun BREFFAS group's monthly gathering is **Tuesday, March 10** at 8:30am. Please RSVP if you're coming to allow the group to determine how many tables are needed for the gathering. You can text Rocio @ 217-418-6185 OR call and leave a message. And even if you do not RSVP, all are welcome to attend.

MISSION MINISTRY INTERFAITH BUILD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited to volunteer to work at the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Alliance Build house by scanning the QR Code or going to the Volunteer Sign-up Google form at: <https://tinyurl.com/HabitatBuildVolunteer>. The sign-up deadline is **Wednesday, March 25**. After that date, volunteer teams will be assigned based on the availability you noted in the sign-up form.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY SEEKING TEACHERS AND SHEPHERDS

Sunday School for Elementary and Pre-School Children begins in March. Following the Children's Moment the children will be invited to join a teacher and shepherd (helper) for a bible story and activities in the Fellowship Hall and will return to the Sanctuary at the end of worship.

We need volunteers aged 16+ as teachers and shepherds (helpers). No weekly commitment required, as we hope to have a pool of about twelve people. Teachers receive the curriculum by Tuesday and only need to review the lesson and gather supplies before class. Shepherds require no preparation. All volunteers must pass a background check per Safe Church policy.

Please contact Alison Anders at amanders@illinois.edu or 206-791-5651 or Jennifer Johnson if interested.

FEEDING CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOOD SUMMIT 2026

The Feeding Champaign County Food Summit is an annual gathering that brings together community members, organizations, and leaders working in food access and security and you are invited to participate in the Feeding Champaign County Food Summit on **Thursday, March 26, 2026** from 9am - 5pm at the I Hotel, 1900 S. First St., Champaign. Register by **March 15th** at <https://www.healthychampaigncounty.org/registration> or by scanning the QR Code.



JOIN CAMPUS MINISTRY AS THEY ROAD TRIP TO MEDIEVAL TIMES

The congregation is invited to join Campus Ministry on their road trip to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, Il on **Saturday, March 28** from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Ticket price includes dinner and the show. Reserve your ticket by going to <https://tinyurl.com/CMMedievalTimes> or scanning the QR code



SPRINGSIDE DINNERS ARE SUNDAY, APRIL 12

These dinners provide a venue for getting to know members of the congregation in an informal setting. Please consider participating, the dinners are a lot of fun.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form included in the March eCommuniGram or available in the Parlor and return it to the church office no later than **Wednesday, April 1**. You can also text or email the required information to Peg Wade at 217-369-0474 or peg.wade@comcast.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peg by email, phone or text

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH AND CAMPUS MINISTRY MISSION TRIP

The dates have been set for our Youth & Campus Ministry Mission Trip. We will leave CU on **Saturday, June 6th**, and will return on **Thursday, June 11th**. We have confirmed with Land of the Sky in Asheville that they can host us. Additional details and deposit deadline will be shared soon!

CAMPUS MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

AFTER HANG, MONDAYS 6-8PM

Campus Ministry students often stay after jubilee café to work on homework or play games in the campus ministry room.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY, 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS

Inclusive Campus Ministry Bible Study hosted by St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

03/24

6:00pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

04/14

6:00pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

DROP-IN HOURS, THURSDAYS, 2-6PM

Campus Ministry students are invited to stop by CUCC Thursday afternoons for a time to hang out with Pastor Leah and other campus ministry students, work on homework, play games, have a snack in the Campus Ministry Room.

SUNDAY BRUNCH/LUNCH WITH CUCC MEMBERS

3/22

Sue Fristoe and Mary Bunyard

4/12

Jan Hiland and Stephen Kolderup

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH OWL CLASSES

Saturday, April 4

3:30pm-10:00pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS/WORKSHOPS

Sunday, April 12

9:30am — 11:30am for confirmands

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 22, 11:30am: Campus Ministry Gathering at Sue Fristoe and Mary Bunyard's house

Tuesday, March 24, 6:00pm: Campus Ministry Interfaith Bible Study at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 26, 9:00am-5:00pm: Feeding Champaign County Food Summit at I-Hotel

Saturday, March 28, 10:30am-7:00pm: Campus Ministry and friends road trip to Medieval Times

Sunday, March 29, 3:00pm: Kickoff/Blessing for Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build at 1112 W. Church St.

Friday, April 3, 5:00-7:30pm: Young Adult OWL Class

Friday, April 3, 7:00pm: Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 4, 3:30-10:00pm Youth Owl Class

Sunday, April 5, 10:15am: Traditional Hybrid Easter Resurrection Worship

Sunday, April 12, 9:30-11:30am: Confirmation Class for confirmands only

Sunday, April 12, 11:30am: Campus Ministry Gathering at Jan Hiland and Stephen Kolderup's house

Sunday, April 12, 2026 6:00-8:00pm: Springside Dinners (sign up by April 1)

Sunday, April 19, 2026:10:15am: Campus Ministry Sunday followed by a Murder Mystery Potluck, all invited to attend